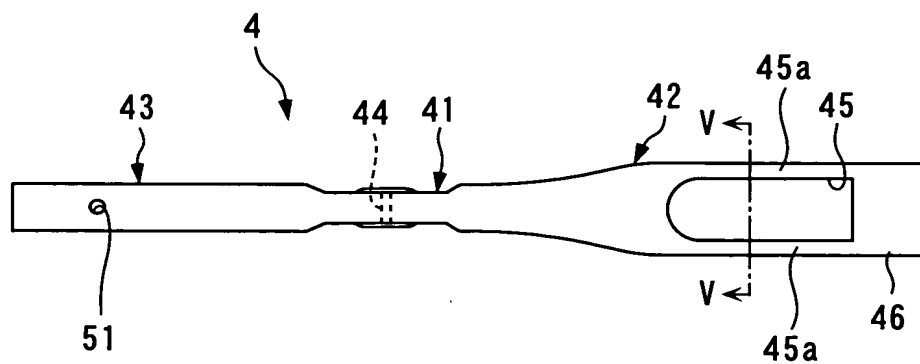
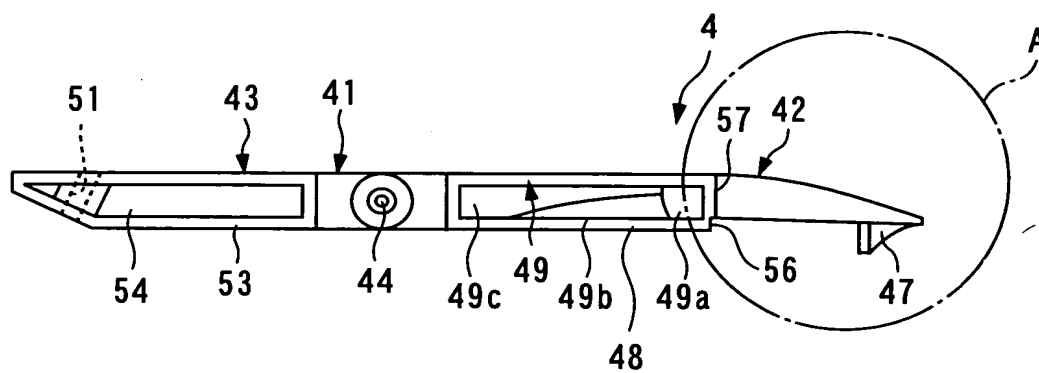


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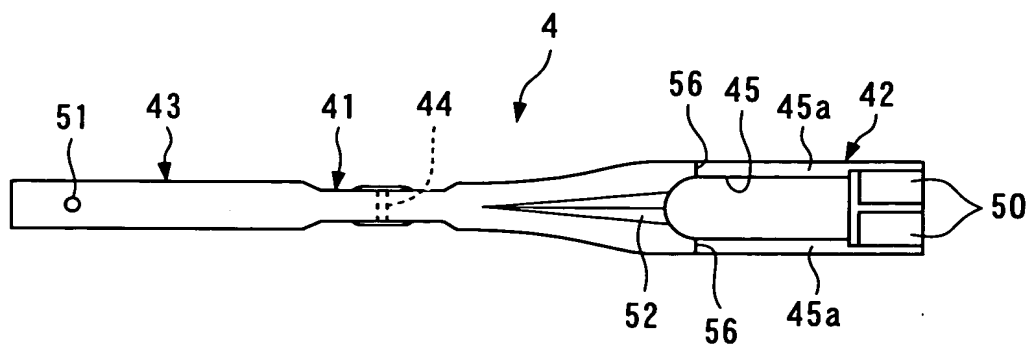
(a)



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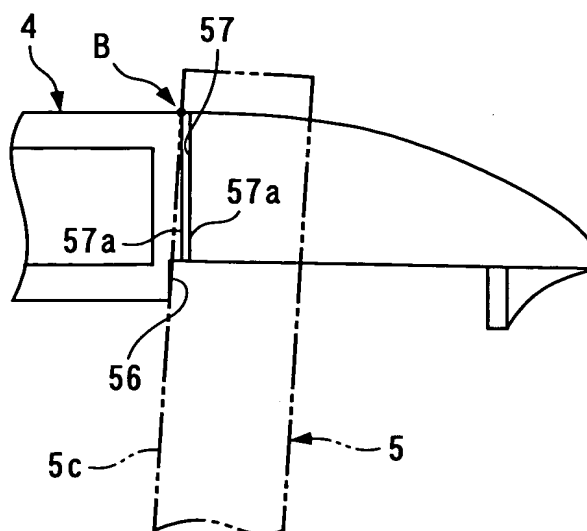


(c)



A graph with 'LOAD' on the vertical axis and 'DISPLACEMENT' on the horizontal axis. Two linear lines originate from the origin (0,0). The upper line is labeled 'EMBODIMENT' and the lower line is labeled 'COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE'. Both lines have a positive slope, with the 'EMBODIMENT' line having a steeper slope than the 'COMPARATIVE EXAMPLE' line.

F I G . 4



F I G . 5

